

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 148

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Justin Timberlake on his exemplary musical career and his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as entertainers of whom we can all be proud and whose music has become the voice of America; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee is the home of American music; be it Country Music or the Delta Blues, the song of the common man can be heard in the valleys of the Smokies, across the green hills of Middle Tennessee, and on the banks of the mighty Mississippi River; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee has been the birthplace of a host of truly legendary musicians, songwriters and singers like Chet Atkins, Aretha Franklin, Dolly Parton, and Tina Turner, who have won international acclaim and national accolades; and

WHEREAS, another native son of Tennessee has hit the top of the charts and has gained a tremendous fan following that spans the globe: Mr. Justin Timberlake of Shelby County, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Justin Randall Timberlake was born in Memphis, Tennessee, on January 31, 1981, the son of Randall Timberlake and Lynn Bomar Timberlake Harless, and was raised in the Shelby County community of Millington; and

WHEREAS, showcasing his talents at a tender age, young Justin would first garner national attention as a contestant on the television show *Star Search*, performing country songs as "Justin Randall" before gaining a real taste of fame as a member of *The Mickey Mouse Club* television program in 1993; and

WHEREAS, winning the heart of many a young fan with his dance moves and stunning vocal abilities, Justin performed alongside future pop superstars Britney Spears and Christina Aguilera and future bandmate JC Chasez before the show ended in 1995; and

WHEREAS, without missing a beat, Justin Timberlake quickly gained international musical stardom as the lead singer of all-boy band 'N Sync, rocking the US music charts with such hits as "I Want You Back" and "Bye Bye Bye"; and

WHEREAS, since going solo in 2002, Justin Timberlake has become an international music icon, winning accolades and awards around the globe and compiling hit after hit on the music charts; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Timberlake's latest album release, *FutureSex/LoveSounds*, has produced three Number One singles, "SexyBack," "My Love," and "What Goes Around..," while racking up worldwide sales to date of over five million copies; and

WHEREAS, recognized for his tremendous artistic talent by his fans and his peers, Mr. Timberlake has sold over seven million copies of his debut solo album "Justified" worldwide, winning Best Album, Best Pop, and Best Male awards at the 2003 MTV Europe Music Awards, the International Dance Music Award for the track "Rock Your Body," the Radio Music Award for Artist of the Year – Top 40 Radio, and MTV Video Music Awards for Best Pop Video, Best Male Video, and Best Dance Video; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Timberlake's international awards include a 2007 Brit Award as the Best International Male Solo Artist, two 2004 Brit Awards for the Best International Album and Best International Male Artist, the 2004 and 2007 NRJ Radio Awards for Best International Male Artist, and two 2006 MTV Europe Music Awards for Best Male and Best Pop; and

WHEREAS, the pinnacle achievement of any American musical artist, Justin Timberlake has received four Grammy Awards, claiming the award for Best Pop Vocal Album for "Justified" and Best Male Pop Vocal Performance for "Cry Me A River" in 2004 and the Best Rap/Song Collaboration for "My Love" with T.I. and the Best Dance Recordings for "SexyBack" with Timbaland in 2007; and

WHEREAS, a true entertainer, Mr. Timberlake has expanded onto the silver screen and stars in the recently released major motion picture *Black Snake Moan* and is currently finishing a nationally sold-out tour, the FutureSex/LoveShow; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud such a remarkable musical talent and a great Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Mr. Justin Timberlake on his highly successful music career and for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.